

## FARMERS MAKE BIG PROFITS THIS YEAR

War Reduces Acreage in Europe While Causing U. S. to Plant More Than Ever.

Shocking effect of "war stocks" on Wall Street is the spectacular effect of the European war, but the American farmer is quietly pocketing his profits out of a big prosperity boom in the United States, due to the first year of the conflict.

Figures compiled by the Department of Agriculture statisticians and made available today indicate that the American farmer has seized the psychological moment to boom his business.

European nations, so busy fighting that they could not maintain their usual agricultural production, bought more freely of American foodstuffs than ever before, and the American farmer promptly planted more than ever before.

More Available For Export.

The aggregate production of all crops this year is estimated to be 7 per cent larger than last year. Last year (the first of the war) the United States exported possibly less than 10 per cent of what was produced in agriculture. If half of the increased production be regarded as available for export, the total of this year's crops available for export will be 25 per cent more than the amount exported last year.

The first year of the war resulted in a 33 per cent increase over the year previous in the value of agricultural products. The three far-reaching farmers, noting this demand, immediately planted more. The result was that the acreage of the crops is estimated at more than 10,000,000 acres larger than last year—3.4 per cent. The "war commodities" that showed increase were: Sugar beets, 35 per cent increase; rice, 18 per cent; wheat, 11 per cent; sweet potatoes, 10 per cent; tobacco, 8 per cent; corn, 3 per cent; oats, 2 per cent; hay, 3 per cent; rye, 2 per cent; potatoes, nearly 1 per cent. Flax, barley, and cotton acreage decreased.

Not only did the acreage increase, but the department's figures indicate an increased yield per acre.

Plenty of Wheat To Ship.

The demand for wheat last year practically exhausted the reserve usually carried over from one year to another. The demand for corn was impelling—50,000,000 bushels (2 per cent) being exported from a crop of 2,672,000,000 bushels last year. Fifteen years ago America regularly exported 10 per cent of the total corn production, but of late years less than 2 per cent has been sold abroad. The department estimates, however, that if foreigners were willing to pay the price, the American farmer could accommodate them with 250,000,000 bushels out of this year's crop, which is more than 400,000,000 bushels larger than last year's crop.

Exports of oats took a big jump in the first year of the war. Agriculture Department statisticians estimate that 97,000,000 bushels were sent to the other side of the world last year. Usually the oats crop is consumed at home. Out of the increased exports last year the farmer took about 1 cent a bushel more. At the same price as last year, the farmer could have sold 100,000,000 bushels more than he did last year. Cotton exports dropped. Usually about 20 per cent of the crop is exported. Nothing like this amount went abroad during the first year of the war. The crop was against 1,550,000 bales in the year previous. Southern farmers, noting that cotton was contraband, planted less cotton this year. The crop was about 1,100,000 bales, as compared with 1,325,000 in 1914. There is a surplus of 1,000,000 bales of the previous crop on hand. The domestic requirement for cotton is increasing, however, reducing the amount available for export—while this year may be regarded as 1,000,000 bales—12 per cent of the crop. Meats and dairy exports were valued at \$220,000,000, a 50 per cent increase over the preceding year. If prices are maintained, the farmer can, with the increase of this year's food supply, increase this amount another 50 per cent.

## TODAY'S BEST FILMS

By GARDNER MACK.

Gertrude Farrar in "Carmen," adapted from the Proper Motion picture story by Cecil B. De Mille and William C. Sullivan (Lasky). Loew's Columbia, Twelfth and F streets.

"The German Side of the War," motion picture made by Edwin E. Weigle, photographer of the Chicago Tribune, the Casino Theater, F. near Seventh street.

Rae Martin in "The Quakerette" (Kalem), the Revue, Georgia avenue and Park road.

Seena Owen and Wallace Reid in "A Yankee from the West" (Kalem), the Revue, Georgia avenue and 915 H street northeast.

Billie West and Ralph Lewis in "The Wolf Man" (Mutual Master Pictures), the American, First street and Rhode Island avenue.

George Fawcett in "The Majesty of the Law" (Moro), the Circle, 208 Pennsylvania avenue.

Valeka Buratt in "The Soul of Broadway" (Fox Film Company), Grandall's, Ninth and E streets.

Frank Keenan in "The Long Chance" (Universal), the Strand, Ninth and D streets.

Marguerite Fischer in "The Miracle of Life" (Mutual Master Pictures), the Garden, 425 Ninth street.

Henry Kelly, supported by Renee Kelly in "The Bridge or the Bigger Man," adapted from the story by Rupert Hughes (Metro Pictures), the Olympic, 1431 U street.

Lillian Lorraine and William Courtleigh, Jr., in "Neal of the Navy," ninth episode (Pathe), the Masonic Auditorium, Thirtieth street and New York avenue.

Tom Wise in "Blue Grass" (Equitable), Grandall's Apollo, 624 H street northeast.

William Faversham in "The Right of Way" (Metro Pictures), the Lafayette, E. between Thirtieth and Fourteenth streets.

Helen Holmes in "A Matter of Seconds" (Kalem), the Georgia, 2422 Georgia avenue.

## PHOTOPLAYS AND PHOTOPLAYERS

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Writer Asserts Film Will Bring Public Closer To Their Story Writers.

Friends of the motion picture will receive much encouragement and relief from the constant criticism that is being written regarding the real aim of the photoplay by people who dub themselves cultured in the sentiments that have been expressed by Frederic Arnold Kummer, the short-story writer and novelist, whom most magazine readers know. Mr. Kummer has become a most enthusiastic advocate of the photoplay. He declares that its future is barely suggested by what has been done.

Coupled with his enthusiasm for the picture itself is a very keen understanding of the value of pictures as an adjunct to literature, particularly as a means of introducing better books and better reading to the general public. There have been suggestions in this column in the past of the extent of this influence. Meredith Nicholson was much surprised to receive word from his publishers that a special edition of "A House of a Thousand Candles" had been issued as a result of public demand stimulated by the picture made from the story.

"Ben-Hur," "The Last Days of Pompeii," "Quo Vadis," "The Clansman," on which "The Birth of a Nation" was based and several other books of wide circulation in the past, have been reissued in special editions because of the interest aroused in them from the motion picture.

"The future of the motion picture has barely been suggested by what has been done so far," Mr. Kummer declares. "It is useless to deny that we live in an age of mental and material activity, more intense than the world has ever known before. And it is idle to assert that the big thoughts of life cannot be transmitted directly to the brain through the medium of the eye, instead of by the more laborious methods of the pen picture, which requires a mental effort on the part of the reader to visualize, to make real."

"I have seen motion pictures that have stirred me as deeply—perhaps more deeply—than any play or book depending on the spoken or written word."

"It is true that this putting of big thoughts in the form of action is not an easy task. The public, to a large extent, is forcing the author to do for it what imagination has done in the past. And here we have the author's problem. It is an easy one. He must create, understand the effect on the mind of the public of action, movement, and he must produce an effect in a few seconds of time."

"He can no longer take his time, turning out page after page of words, as he used to do. He must strike deeply to the primal emotions, and get his response from the movement of a hand, the glance of an eye, the motion of a crowd. He cannot depend upon the imagination of his audience. He must appeal to the emotions. That is his problem. It is a fascinating one, and its solution calls into play the most delicate and long-enduring of human emotion than was ever required in any writing in the past."

"The motion picture will tend to unite author and public in closer and more vital bonds than could ever exist before. The long barrier between them, stood the barrier of words."

Exhibitors in neighborhood theaters throughout the District who depend upon the regular program films are beginning to establish a special film feature day, which week-end is getting excellent results therefrom. The idea is to give the patrons of the big feature shown at feature houses each week.

One of the theaters where this has been done with unusual success is the Revue on Georgia avenue and Park road. The management of the Revue started with "The Second in Command," both of which pictures being popular in Washington.

Next week another Metro feature, "Always in the Way," based on "Charles K. Harris" song, will be shown.

By adding an occasional feature to the one and two-reel programs, according to S. L. Rothapel, the exhibitor shows a desire on his part to please his patrons and will tend to bring a big harvest, even if the feature sometimes costs more than the capacity of the house would ordinarily justify, which is frequently the case.

Wonder what upset your stomach—what portion of the food did the damage do you? Well, don't bother. If your stomach is in a revolt, if you are gassy, and upset, and what you just ate has fermented into stubborn lumps, head-dizzy and aches; belch gases and acids and eructate undigested food; breath foul, tongue coated—just take a little Pape's Diapiesin and in five minutes you wonder what became of the indigestion and distress.

Millions of men and women today know that it is needless to have a bad stomach. A little Diapiesin occasionally keeps this delicate organ regulated and they eat their favorite foods without fear.

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Fred S. Lincoln 612 Twelfth St. N. W. Between F and G.



RENEE KELLY, Leading woman in "The Bridge or the Bigger Man," in which Henry Kolker is starred at the Olympic today.

## CITY THROWN INTO DARKNESS BY BLAST

Washington Railway Line Cars Also Stopped by Explosion in Benning Power Plant.

Washington was thrown into darkness shortly after 7 o'clock last night, and all the cars of the Washington Railway and Electric Company were stopped by an explosion in the Benning Power Plant of the Potomac Electric Power Company.

Residences and apartment houses, without auxiliary lights, and many hotels and restaurants were in total darkness for from twelve to twenty minutes, just at the dinner hour. As the lights flickered and went dark, the candle and lamp market of the city underwent a sudden boom.

Candles were in great demand at practically all grocery stores, and old kerosene lamps were hurriedly polished up. Candle stocks are short this morning as a result.

All of the municipal electric lighting system was dark for a time, except in the downtown section, where the lights were kept up from storage batteries in the three substations.

The explosion occurred at 7:01 o'clock, and was caused by a short circuit in two transformers, inside the Benning power plant, which carry one of the 400-circuit lines.

All of the light circuits were "thrown in," within fifteen minutes, but it was half an hour before the car line circuits were on and traffic lines resumed.

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## THE BEST Photoplay Department in WASHINGTON

## SAFETY FIRST BOOK IS GIFT TO CHILDREN

First Copies of Primer Will Be Presented to Five Little Ones.

Five Washington children are to be the first to receive the primer that is to be issued within the next few days by the Safety First Federation of America, giving instruction in the principles of the big movement for the conservation of human resources.

These children are to get copies of the primer because they were among those who attended the meeting of the Safety First Association of the District at the Public Library last night when Fred H. Elliott, of the federation, made an address on the work that has been accomplished.

Mr. Elliott, Major Raymond W. Pullman, of the Police Department, and President W. F. Peabody, of the Washington organization, were the principal speakers at the meeting, which was attended by a number of District officials, police department heads, Supervising Principal Selden M. Ely, of the public schools; D. C. Carl, superintendent of the City Franchise Company; George M. Roberts, superintendent of play grounds; E. C. Elliott, chief instructor of the Washington Railway and Electric Company; George W. Evans, Andrew J. Driscoll, president of the M.M.C. City Citizens' Association, and many others.

The hope of the federation is that the children in the instruction of the children of the country, Mr. Elliott told his audience. If a beginning is made in the public schools and in the home, the children may grow up with safety-first principles firmly implanted in their minds and will become better citizens.

The big idea of something about the wish to emphasize the responsibility of citizens toward one another.

Mr. Elliott told the audience about the first annual convention of the federation, which was held in Detroit recently. He read extracts from the primer which tell the story of a country boy's visit to the city and the notes he made as a result of accidents he saw or which happened to him.

Major Pullman told of the work that is being done in Washington for safety-first. He explained the workings of the semaphore signal systems that are being tested at the important crossings and said that he expected some improvements to be made.

Churchill to Leave Soon for the Front. Circumstances of His Quitting Cabinet Go Far Toward Restoring His Popularity.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—No longer a cabinet member, Winston Churchill is expected today to leave almost immediately for the British fighting front on the continent.

The circumstances of Churchill's resignation of the chancellorship of the Duchy of Lancaster, the cabinet secretary has held since the present war ministry was organized, has gone far toward restoring the popularity he lost during the latter days of his incumbency as first lord of the admiralty.

When Baby Comes. Before baby comes there is a period when experienced mothers are glad to aid the expectant mother. They urge the use of Mother's Friend, obtained at any drug store, because this safe, harmless external remedy is positively necessary since it brings relief in easing the muscles, cords, tendons, and ligaments involved, and unnecessary pain is avoided; thus it serves to ease the mind and has a beneficial effect on the nervous system. In many cases, nausea, morning sickness and other distresses are avoided.—Adv.

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## BUILD NEW BRIDLE PATHS IN ROCK CREEK

Commissioners Are to Provide Centering Ground For Horsemen of District.

With a view of compensating local horsemen for the loss of their favorite "centering ground," the Ross road in Rock Creek Park, which has been macadamized and is now used by motorists, the Commissioners in charge of the park have started improvements on the bridge paths running parallel to the creek from the jumps to the Military road. A marked improvement will be worked with the widening and grading of these paths.

The Ross road was a great favorite, as horsemen could give their mounts a run without risking the dangers of sharp turns and the low branches of trees. The road was wide enough to permit the galloping of four mounts abreast. With the completion of the Q street bridge, the approach to the bridge alone remain to be finished, horsemen alone enjoying another improvement in the park, that of the reopening of the bridge path from Twenty-second and P streets northwest to Massachusetts avenue extended.

South Dakota Society Plans Informal Dinner. Plans for an informal dinner and entertainment by the South Dakota Society of Washington at the Ebbitt House, December 3, have been made by members of the society.

The affair was considered at a meeting at the Senate Office building, Wednesday evening. It is expected the Congressional Clubmen, from South Dakota will attend the affair.

Declares Pocket Was Picked on Street Car. A. J. Cobert, of 632 Quebec street northwest, has reported to the police that his pocket was picked several days ago. He lost \$3.30 in cash and some personal papers. He was robbed while on a street car, he says, going between 8 street northwest and Ninth street and Pennsylvania avenue.

Riding Instructor Is Thrown From Mount. Miss Dorothy Grant is at a sanitarium suffering from injuries which may be serious and which were received when she was thrown from her mount yesterday near Kingsley road in Rock Creek Park.

Mr. Grant is an instructor at a riding academy. Charles H. Merriam took her in his automobile to the hospital.

Searching for Youth. Search has been instituted by the police for Frank Boyd, seventeen years old, who has been missing from his home, 714 Ninth street northeast, since November 1.

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## BROOKLAND CITIZENS WANT PROHIBITION

Resolution Indorsing "Dry" District Adopted by Association. For Half-and-Half.

A resolution indorsing prohibition in the District was adopted by the Brookland Citizens' Association last night. Resolutions also were passed indorsing half-and-half and the use of free textbooks in the high schools, and it was decided to send a notice of the latter action to the Commissioners. Addresses were made by Dr. A. Patten, Dr. M. J. Holmes, M. M. McLean, L. R. Wilson, Severy Quinn, A. H. Lewis, Ernest Saltzman, and James Whitehead.

Nine persons were elected to membership. They are Misses Mary L. Mearns, Fannie E. Mearns, and Carrie Harrison, Mrs. C. K. Hatfield, Mrs. Elizabeth Daniels, Mrs. Mary Burr, Mrs. E. M. Edmondson, Mrs. S. S. Rider, and Charles H. McCarthy.

The December meeting will not be held on account of Christmas. The next meeting will be held the second Friday in January.

RUB RHEUMATIC, ACHING JOINTS AND STOP PAIN.

Instant relief with a small trial bottle of old "St. Jacob's Oil."